(c) the steps Government propose to provide housing facility to employees of IGNCA as they are not covered by any housing pool?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected.

Re-Evaluation of English Language Paper in CBSE Class XIIth Examination

2064. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Principals of prominent public Schools of Delhi and outside demanded re-evaluation of English language paper in the CBSE Class XII examination results declared on 9th June, 98;

(b) whether similar demands have also been received from other groups by CBSE;

(c) whether Government propose to ask CBSE to take necessary action on these demands to remove the grievances of students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has already clarified that scrutinies done after the receipt of complaints have not revealed any aberrations in the marking of the English language paper. The Government, therefore, does not propose to issue any directions to CBSE in this respect.

Progress under the National Literacy Mission in Assam

2065. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Literacy Mission has been launched in every district of the country;

(b) if so, how many districts of Assam have been left out; and

(c) the details of the progress made under the programme in other districts of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir. The Total Literacy Campaign, which is the principal strategy of the National Literacy Mission for eradication of illiteracy, has been launched in 442 districts of the country.

(b) Out of a total of 23 districts in Assam, Dhemari, Bongaigaon and Karbi Anglong districts are yet to be covered under total literacy campaigns.

(c) A statement indicating the progress made in the districts under literacy campaigns in Assam is attached.

Statement

Progress under the National Literacy Mission in Assam

(Figure in lakhs)

Sl. No.	District	Date of sanction	Enrolment	Primers I	Completed II	Completed III
1.	Barpeta	14.3.97	(Ad hoc grant of Rs. 25.00 lakh released for preparatory work)			
2.	Cachar	30.1.95	2.69	1.54	0.90	--
3.	Dhubri	20.2.96	3.06	0.60	--	--
4.	Dibrugarh	9.3.95	1.48	1.39	1.19	0.91
5.	Golpara	28.2.96	0.16	--	--	--
6.	Golaghat	6.2.96	0.27	0.16	--	--
7.	Jorhat	29.7.92	1.14	1.05	0.95	0.92
8.	Kamrup	13.3.95	0.43	0.43	0.14	--

(Figure in lakhs)

Sl. No.	District	Date of sanction	Enrolment	Primers I	Completed II	III
9.	Karimganj	8.3.95	0.03	--	--	--
10.	Kokrajhar	25.8.94	0.41	0.38	--	--
11.	Lakhimpur	14.3.97	(Ad hoc grant of Rs. 25.00 lakh released for preparatory work)			
12.	N.C. Hills	12.1.96	0.02	--	--	--
13.	Naogaon	12.3.97	(Ad hoc grant of Rs. 20.00 lakh released for preparatory work)			
14.	Nalbari	28.3.95	(Ad hoc grant of Rs. 10.00 lakh released for preparatory work)			
15.	Sibsagar	1.8.94	0.65	0.65	0.65	--
16.	Sonitpur	19.10.94	3.88	2.42	--	--
17.	Tinsukia	9.11.94	2.13	2.06	2.00	1.62
18.	Hailakandi	23.8.95	0.10	0.08	--	--
19.	Darrang	25.11.97	(Ad hoc grant of Rs. 25.00 lakh released for preparatory work)			
20.	*Project with partial coverage	6.3.92	1.82	1.55	1.18	0.60

* Project implemented by Assam Science Society, Guwahati covering 8 blocks in Moregaon, Kamrup, Dibrugarh, Darang and Dhemaji districts.

Installation of Punching Machines in IGNCA

2066. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proposal to install punching machines in IGNCA for attendance purposes;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on procurement of these machines;

(c) the reasons behind this abrupt decision as the centre had been functioning for almost fourteen years, without incurring such wasteful expenditure; and

(d) whether Government are aware of any other institution under its purview where such machines have been installed; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) According to IGNCA, punching machines were installed at an approximate expenditure of Rs. 71,000 to ensure punctuality in attendance and generally improve the work culture as an ongoing effort of modernisation of office method and procedure.

(d) no such information is readily available.

संस्कृत विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना

2067. श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत: क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में संस्कृत भाषा के अध्ययन, प्रसार और शोध-कार्य आदि हेतु संस्कृत विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ख) क्या सरकार संस्कृत भाषा के उन्नयन और संवर्धन हेतु कोई योजना बनाने का विचार रखती है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) जी, नहीं।